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CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION DETERMINATION FOR THE PROPOSED DRINKING WATER PROJECT FOR TOWN OF EMPIRE

The Water Quality Control Division of the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment has conducted a review of the proposed drinking water project for the Town of Empire in accordance with EPA and the State of Colorado procedures for implementing the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) (40 CFR Part 6) and the State of Colorado NEPA-like policy (SRF Operating Agreement). The State has determined that this project is eligible for a categorical exclusion. Accordingly, the State is exempting the project from further substantive environmental review requirements under the above stated policies.

Project Description:

The proposed project consists of improvements to the water treatment plant and installation of new water meters. The project will be funded by a Drinking Water Revolving Fund principal forgiveness loan in the amount of \$847,920. The project will not increase the user rates. The project by design will not increase the drinking water for the planning area.

Criteria for Granting a Categorical Exclusion under 40 CFR part 6.204

The action proposed will ensure compliance with current and future drinking water treatment standards. The following criteria condition the allowance of the categorical exclusion for the proposed action:

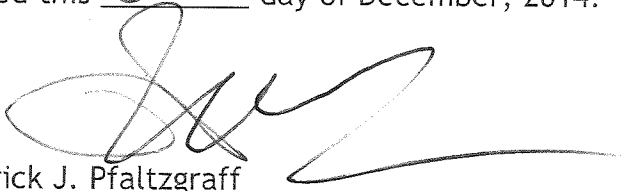
- Minor rehabilitation of existing facilities;
- Functional replacement of equipment;
- Minor upgrades and expansions of existing water systems in communities of 10,000 population or less (distribution line extensions are not included.)

The documentation to support this decision will be on file at the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment, Water Quality Control Division, in Denver, Colorado and is available for public scrutiny upon request. Comments concerning this decision may be addressed to:

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Dated this 30th day of December, 2014.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'P. Pfaltzgraff', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Patrick J. Pfaltzgraff
Director, Water Quality Control Division